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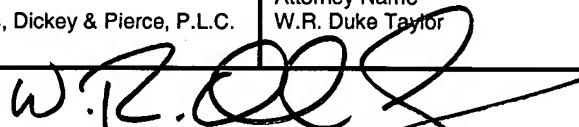
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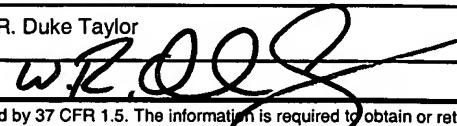
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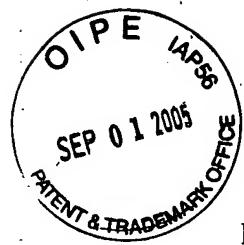
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Applicant requests review of the final rejection in the above-identified application. No amendments are being filed with this request.

This request is being filed with a notice of appeal.

The review is requested for the reason(s) stated on the attached sheet(s).

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**ATTACHMENT TO PRE-APPEAL BRIEF REQUEST FOR REVIEW**

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 5, 7, 8, 10, 13-16 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Raab et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,232,090) in view of Fujisaki et al. (U.S. Patent No 4,684,839); Claims 2 and 11 in view of the above and further in view of Hung (U.S. Patent No. 5,839,205); Claims 10 and 19 as being unpatentable over Raab et al.; and Claim 11 as being unpatentable over Raab et al. in view of Hung.

The Examiner's Office Action dated June 2, 2005 alleges that Raab et al. teaches a motor which has a casing which must be rigid and that Fujisaki et al. discloses a flat case as well as the fact that Fujisaki et al. discloses a seal.

Turning to the Raab et al. reference, while disclosing that it does have a motor, the invention is directed to biasing support legs on a fan housing. The legs enable the fan to be packaged in a box and, upon removal of the fan from the box, the leg automatically springs to an opened position. Raab et al. makes mention of a motor only once at column 2, line 21.

The Examiner then combines Raab et al. with the Fujisaki et al. reference. The Examiner alleges that Fujisaki et al. discloses a flat sealed motor. The Examiner alleges that Fujisaki et al. illustrates a labyrinth seal sealing the shaft. The Fujisaki et al. reference, at column 9, lines 6-15, makes only one reference to the bearing 53 through which the shaft 11 is passed. Nowhere does it speak of a labyrinth seal or a seal of any type. The Examiner is clearly fabricating this teaching of Fujisaki et al. So much so, that the Examiner states that a labyrinth seal exists. A labyrinth seal is one which has an intricate undulating or serpentine passage which crosses back and forth upon itself. No such seal is illustrated or defined in the Fujisaki et al. reference. Accordingly, Applicant believes that a clear error has been committed by the Examiner and that the combination of references fails to disclose or suggest the invention. The rejection fails to provide a *prima facie* case of obviousness.

The combinations of the Hung reference with the above two references fails to overcome the deficiencies of the Raab et al. and Fujisaki references. Accordingly, Applicant believes Claims 2 and 5-9, which depend from Claim 1, to be patentably distinct over the art cited by the Examiner.

Independent Claim 10 relates to an air circulation device with at least one elongated support secured to the body face by a fastening member. The elongated

support portion is pivotally disposed about the fastening member and manually positioned in an extended position, a contracted position or any desired intermediate position between the extended and contracted positions to support the air circulating device and a number of different elongated support member positions.

The Raab et al. reference cited by the Examiner illustrates support members 19 and 20 which are automatically pivotally moved by a spring 24 from one position to its second position when the fan is pulled out of the shipping container. Nowhere does Raab et al. disclose, suggest or speak to the manual positioning of the members as claimed. Accordingly, the Examiner has created clear error since the Raab et al. members only disclose automatic movement from a stored position to a position removed from the shipping container. There is no intermediate positions as claimed by Applicant.

The Hung reference fails to overcome the deficiencies of Raab et al. Thus, Claims 11, 13-16, 18 and 19 are patentably distinct over the art cited by the Examiner.

Accordingly, in view of the Examiner's clear errors, Applicant would respectfully request the present application to be passed to issue and a Notice of Allowance issued in this application.

Should there be any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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